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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Barkan Elad ET AL
Application No. : 10/046,745
For : CA in a Card
Examiner : Venkatanarayanan Perungavoor
Date mailed: February 9, 2006

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Department of Commerce
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Dear Mr. Perungavoor:

In response to the Office Action Summary mailed December 6, 2005, please find the applicant arguments to withdraw Examiner rejection of claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,721,781 to Deo (Hereinafter refer as **Deo**).

Arguments in General:

Deo's Patent entirely deals with Authentication Method and System between portable devices (i.e. smart card etc.) and terminals (i.e. bank ATM machines etc.). See Deo's Abstract, Summary of Invention and throughout the entire description including the Claims.

Our current application deals with the method of securely generating, **by the user himself**, digital documents that are certified by a known Certifying Authority.

In our disclosure the **user himself** copies secure digital documents from different smart cards that belong to him to **special new smart card**, in a way that the copied digital documents will have the proved authentication of trusted Certifying Authority (CA), **without the need to approach the CA for its digital signature.**